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**COVER LETTER**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notification of Defective Response of Application Filing Date Granted (copy attached) of October 31, 2001, the period for response being set to expire November 30, 2001, please find enclosed: Applicants hereby submit:

- Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371;

- a Response to Notification of Defective Response Dated October 31, 2001 and Statement that the Content of Paper and Computer Readable are the Same, (including diskette containing sequence listing, with paper copies are the same);

Also enclosed is:

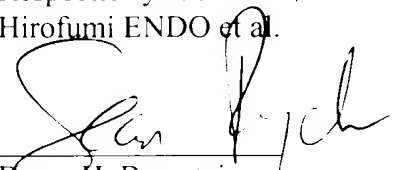
- Preliminary Amendment; and

- an Information Disclosure Statement, form PTO-1449, and references cited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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